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RADIO AND AZAP REPORTED FOLLOWING QUOTE FROM PRESIDENT
MOBUTU'S ANSWERS TO QUESTION POSED AT MAKANDA KABOBI
INSTITUTE ABOUT CURRENT FINANCIAL CRISIS: AFTER HAVING
EMPHASIZED DROP IN COPPER PRICES AS ONE OF PRIME CAUSES,
PRESIDENT MOBUTU SAID:

"AU NIVEAU DES FINANCES PUBLIQUES, LES DIFFICULTES
SONT DUES AUX ENGAGEMENTS QUE LA ZAIRE A PRIS
AVEC L'EXTERIEUR.

LE PRESTIGE ET LA DIGNITE DE NOTRE PAYS NOUS
OBLIGENT A HONORER CERTAINES FACTURES SURTOUT
QUAND NOS CREANCIERS EXIGENT LEUR DU ET N'ACCEPTENT
AUCUN MORATOIRE. C'EST LE CAS DE LA CONSTRUCTION
DU BARRAGE D'INGA, DE LA SIDERURGIE DE MALUKU, DE
CERTAINES ROUTES DU TRANSPORT DE L'ELECTRICITE
D'INGA AU SHABA SUR UNE DISTANCE DE PLUS DE 2,000 KMS."

"DANS TOUS CES CAS, NOS CREANCIERS
EXIGENT LE PAIEMENT IMMEDIAT ET N'ACCEPTENT
AUCUN REcul DES ECHEANCES PENDANT QU'ILS SAVENT
QUE LE COURS DU CUIVRE A CHUTE DE CONCERT AVEC
CEUX DES AUTRES MATIERES PREMIERES HORMIS BIEN
SUR LE PERTROLE."

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